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Title: Surgical Probe For Supporting Inflatable Therapeutic Devices In Contact With Tissue In Or Around A Body Orifice And Within Tumors

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 38 and 40 without prejudice.

Please rewrite claims 12, 15, 21, 23, 24, 26, 33 and 39 in the following amended form:

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